

**REMARKS**

This Preliminary Amendment cancels one claim present in the International application without prejudice or disclaimer and removes all (proper and improper) multiple dependencies that were in the PCT application's claim from which this case claims priority, with the goal of reducing the fees. Other amendments throughout were made to improve the English usage and clarity of the claims. A Table appearing below indicates the correspondence of the new claims to the original PCT claims. No new matter is introduced in these new claims. The application is now in condition for Examination on the merits.

**Table: Correspondence of new claims to original claims**

| New claims | Support in Original PCT claims |  | New claims | Support in Original PCT claims |
|------------|--------------------------------|--|------------|--------------------------------|
| 32         | 1                              |  | 53         | 12                             |
| 33         | 2                              |  | 54         | 13                             |
| 34         | 3                              |  | 55         | 14                             |
| 35         | 4                              |  | 56         | 15                             |
| 36         | 5                              |  | 57         | 16                             |
| 37         | 5                              |  | 58         | 17                             |
| 38         | 5                              |  | 59         | 19                             |
| 39         | 5                              |  | 60         | 20                             |
| 40         | 6                              |  | 61         | 21                             |
| 41         | 6                              |  | 62         | 22                             |
| 42         | 6                              |  | 63         | 23                             |
| 43         | 6                              |  | 64         | 24                             |
| 44         | 7                              |  | 65         | 25                             |
| 45         | 7                              |  | 66         | 26                             |
| 46         | 7                              |  | 67         | 27                             |
| 47         | 7                              |  | 68         | 28                             |
| 48         | 7                              |  | 69         | 28                             |
| 49         | 8                              |  | 70         | 29                             |
| 50         | 9                              |  | 71         | 30                             |
| 51         | 10                             |  | 72         | 31                             |
| 52         | 11                             |  |            |                                |

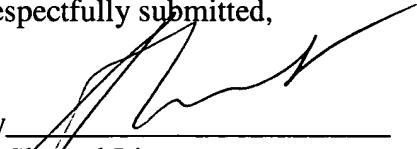
If any questions remain, the Examiner or other PTO official is encouraged to call the undersigned at (202) 496-7845 to expedite this application.

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